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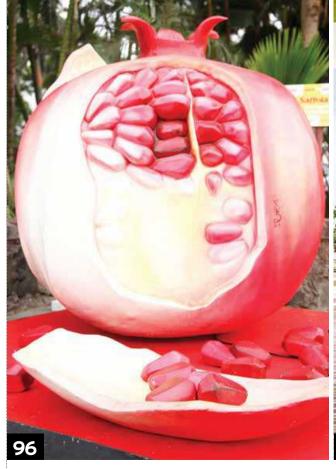
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Getting comfortable with the new old

or a year that started out slowly, 2015 seems in a hurry to wind up. Time is flying! It just seems like yesterday that we started talking to Jaideep Mehrotra and Tarana Khubchandani, earnestly putting our hearts and minds together for the launch of the fourth edition of *GoodHomes for Art*, our public art initiative.

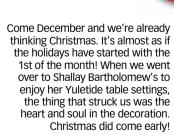
Wasn't it just last week that we got our budgets? Last month, that we put our editorial calendar in place for the year...? No? I'm not ready to see the end of this year! Yet. There is so much that we want to do with *GoodHomes* — and, in hindsight, so much that we've already done.

In spite of it being the year-end, there's a certain je ne sais quoi...a certain 'newness' in the air. It seems like the perfect time to change perspectives and even celebrate that 'newness'. I'm looking forward to hearing what you have to say about the twist we've brought to all our Christmas and other festive features. You have to see the freshness to feel it, to believe in it. I'd like to take a moment, alongside my team, to wish you the very best — of hope and happiness — as we drop the curtain on this year's act.

I'm looking forward to meeting you all, with a lot more style, in the New Year.

> RONITAA ITALIA-DHANU Editor

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WE'VE GOT MAIL!



DRAMATIC SHOWCASES

I am a proud owner of a home in Kolkata and with the small spaces that the apartment holds, your magazine is indeed a manna from heaven. A delightful mix of features, easy to create ideas and product showcases have indeed helped me in creating a paradise for myself. Your style stories are always exceptional and this time was no less. It's going to be a contemporary Diwali for me this year after being inspired by 'The New Indian' and 'Touch of Light'. I have framed some of the pictures and put it up as wall art. Thank you, for creating a beautiful showcase every month. I particularly loved your moodboard of the month — Pearl and Gold is a very inspiring and festive colour. I cannot wait to weave it into my space for the coming season.

— Mallika Dasgupta, Kolkata

Hello Mallika, how wonderful to hear from you. We are happy to hear that our magazine inspires you to



create stories around your personal space. We believe that every home reflects the personality of the owner and we are so glad to hear that we have been able to capture some of the essence that finds its place in your home. We look forward to seeing pictures of your pearl and gold-inspired vignette.

COLOUR DRAMA

A delightful Diwali treat — that's what your November issue was. Vibrant and colourful, ideas are galore to recreate the magic in my personal space. I especially loved 'Built in Colour', 'Mughal Love' and the product of the month. Classic vintage mixed with a dash of kitsch adds the right drama and takes you away from the today. That is what all of us seek when we want to create a beautiful space. Interesting and charming, the home should have the magical quotient to take you away from the everyday. I avidly look forward to your launch pad page for the latest in the decor world.

— Priya Raj, Mumbai

Thank you, Priya, and wishing you a beautiful festive season ahead. Thank you for appreciating our feature and our Launch Pad.

DESIGN ON TOP

GoodHomes India has been an inspirational guide. Kudos to the editor, Ronitaa and her team who churn out delightful spaces every issue. Simple yet stylish, the impeccable ideas the magazine dishes out is both aspirational and inspirational. It makes you want to recreate magic every single time I reach out to the magazine. Keeping in lieu with the season and infusing life into every corner, every story has a story to tell. I▶

66 I am so glad you have introduced interesting places which have a strong architectural thread.

— June D'mello, Goa







particularly love the way the magazine celebrates interior designers. It gives us a chance to review their work and reach out to the them. The magazine is a delight to unravel every month. From the anniversary issue to the Diwali issue. I have loved the ideas that have come to fore and also reading about the design mavens. Every single one of them are inspiring and the interview goes beyond the ordinary. Thank you GoodHomes for creating a collectible issue every month!

— Shilpa Dutta, Delhi

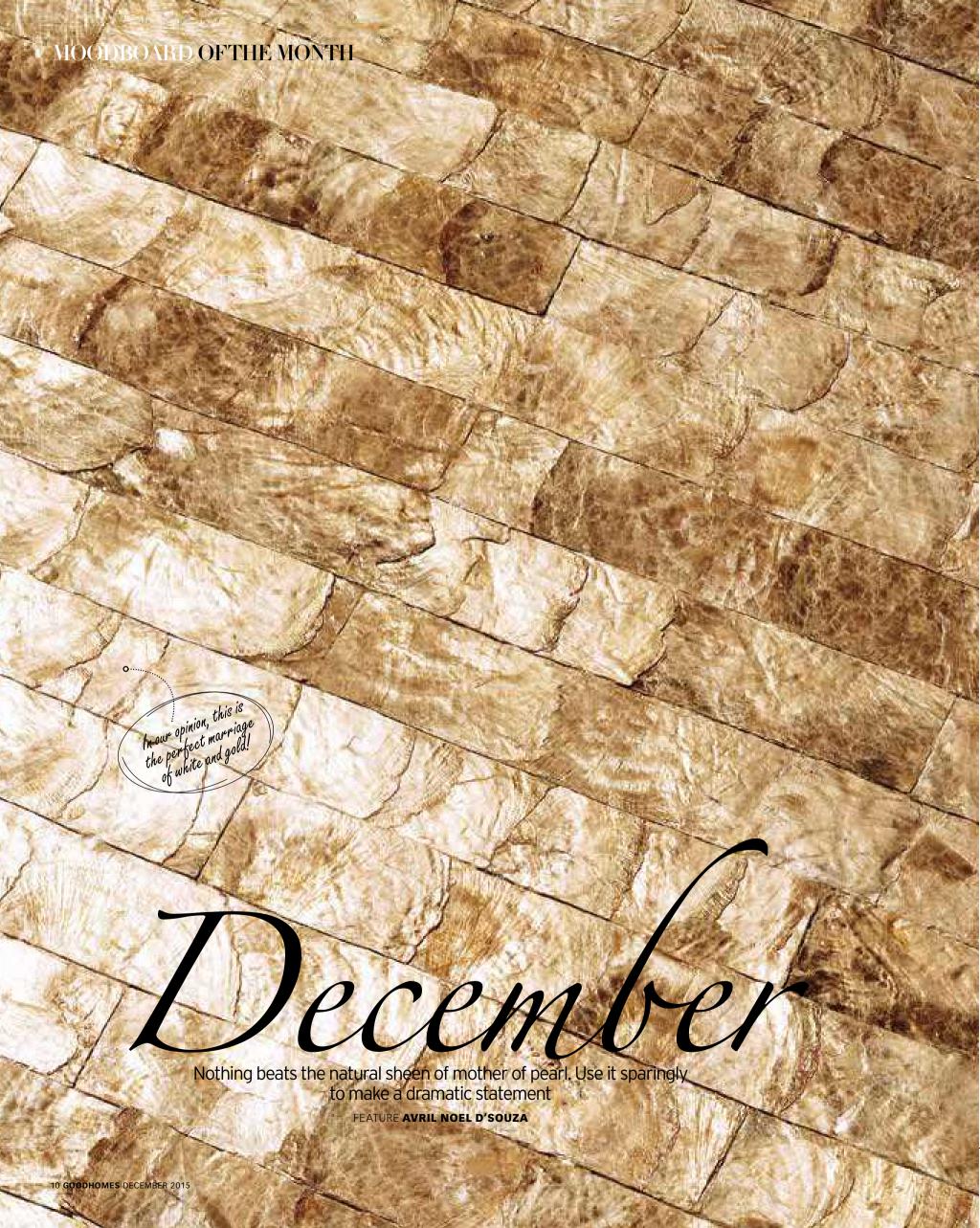
Dear Shilpa, wishing you a fantastic festive season ahead. Thank you for your wonderful email. Watch out for our upcoming issues. We have loads of interesting features that hold the promise of creating stunning narratives in your space.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To my favourite magazine — *GoodHomes* and the team that creates beautiful features every month. When I pick up your magazine, the first thing I got through are the beautiful homes. And the November issue has such stunning homes, all so diverse. I loved the sprawling Jaipur home, the fresh Bengaluru home and the stylish Singapore home. Moving away from being regular, the homes bring forth character, warmth and appeal to our senses. Interestingly shot, the texture and drama come to fore to create a narrative which is simply spectacular. I am so glad you have introduced interesting places which have a strong architectural thread. The Shiv Niwas Palace is also an absolute stunner and we can't wait to pack our bags and soak in the magic of the place.

- June D'mello, Goa

Thank you, June, for your email. Wishing you a fantastic festive season. We are so happy to hear that our features are appreciated. Your email rings a positive bell. Our endeavour has always been to create stories that are different yet have a strong connect with our home owners. And we believe that homes are a window to our soul. CII



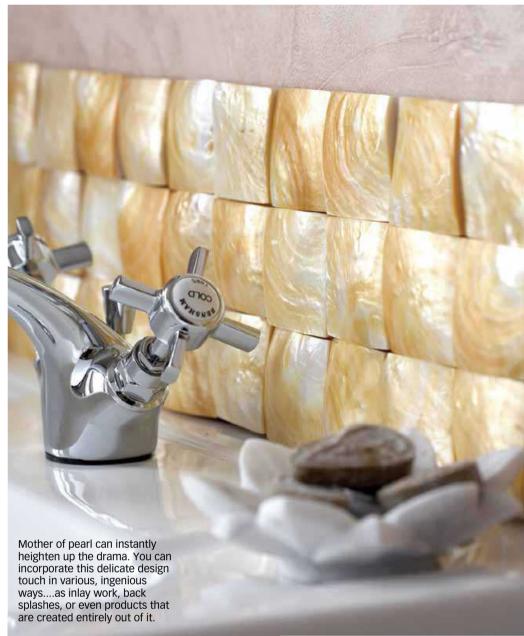


How can we say this without gushing...mother of pearl is a blessing in disguise for those who love glamour without going overboard. Its subtle, elegant charm makes us ardent fans.



PINTEREST

This natural design marvel is the surest way to make a grand statement, and this screen grab from Pinterest sets the mood and captures its tone.









1 Gingerbread man ornament, **Swarovski.** 2 Neo Nawab — red and green glass hurricanes; **both from India Circus.** 3 Palm platter, **Address Home.** 4 Silver embossed candle, **Address Home.** 5 Pantone X-Mas balls by Seletti, **Fenny G & Friends.** 6 Chrysolite Christmas tree, **Swarovski.** 7 Crystal velvet chair, **Kanchi Designs.** 8 Santa Claus ornament, **Swarovski.** *Shopping Guide on Pg 98*

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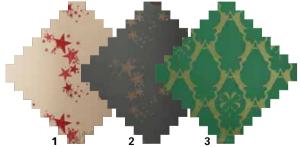
VIBRANT X-MAS

December is party month. We wanted our Christmas decor to have a versatile appeal to it, something that could easily take on the upcoming New Year festivities as well. This is a fun, vibrant look that captures just that.



A MODERN twist to a favourite classic...we heart the vibrance this perspective brings to Christmas decor. The trick lies in mastering the art of colour blocking. Opt for either red or green, a palette synonymous with this time of the year. And layer the look with accessories and soft furnishings.

FIND THE PERFECT wallpapers



1 All star candy; 2 All star gunmetal; 3 Boxing hares billiard green; all by Barneby Gates; available at Zynna Boutiques.



Couch It Out

A new look at the dear ol' couch

FEATURE JANICE FERNANDES



WHAT'S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT?!

Taking the guesswork out of our dream purchase of the perfect couch, online shopping has revolutionised the way one shops! Dimensions, colour variations, detailed finishing...right down to the installation at home...you need to log on for a satisfying shopping experience.

(Clockwise) Morris Collection, starts at ₹28,900; www.gulmoharlane.com. Ivan 2 Seater Sofa; Sarsa 2 Seaster Sofa, ₹24,999 each; both from www.ediy.in. Farina Sofa, ₹51,999; Apollo Leatherette Sofa, ₹37,999; www.urbanladder. com. Chesterfield Collection, starts at ₹35,900; www.gulmoharlane.com. Shopping Guide on Pg 98



SEA OF BLUE

This couch will add such a calming effect to your room that you may find it difficult to get up.



SUBTLE CANDOUR

Simple and understated, this neutral coloured couch will work well with bright walls.



DARK MAGIC

A practical Licorice Italian leather couch with colour and comfort added in.



ELEGANT DESIGNS

A family-friendly couch. Nice to cuddle with your babies on movie nights.



BAR CODE

The Woofer's Leather Bar by PortsideCafé is all you need for your cherished spirits

STYLE RUKHSHAYA SHEIKH PHOTOGRAPH VIKRANT KHARAT



"Alcohol may be man's worst enemy, but the bible says love your enemy."

— Frank Sinatra, erstwhile actor, singer, director

GOD IS IN THE DETAILS









The printed side adds a distinctive edge to the design. Crafted in leather, with incredible attention to detail, the unit opens out into a well-planned bar solution.

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MIRROR **EFFECTS**

Whichever way you look at it, there are multiple pluses to using mirrors. They're almost always a stunning cause to some beautiful effects

CREATE SPACE

Let's get real, most urban homes aren't high on squarefootage. So where there isn't too much floorspace, we recommend using wallspace for strategically-placed mirrors.

for homes where picture windows are missing, a mirror reflecting even a small opening in the walls will double the natural light in the room. Use smart placement to reflect dancing candlelight when the sun goes down.



Today, depending on the frame you pick, mirrors can do (possibly more eloquently) what artworks and photoframes once set out to do. Place well to create focal points in your rooms.









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Hostess Trolley, price on request, ICasa. Lamp, price on request; Cakestand, ₹995; Tap jar, ₹1,995; **all from Chumbak**. Gold-striped tumbler, ₹4,290; Polka dotted gold tumbler, ₹3,190; Decanter, ₹1,890; **all from Address Home**. Key bottle opener, ₹800; Tray, ₹1,400; Cocktail picks, ₹1,350; Table mat (set of six), ₹950; Ice bucket, ₹5,100; Pink napkins, ₹650; **all from CAC**. Wine glasses; Gold Glass covering, both price on request; **both from Mozaic**. **Shopping Guide on Pg 98**





Hostess trolley, price on request, **ICasa**. Pakin blu bottle vase, ₹3,200; Poppy flowers, ₹500 each; Leather tissue box, ₹4,000; **all from INV Home**. Bath liquids, ₹850 each, **Tranceforme**. Soap dispenser set, ₹7,500; Bell jar candle (large), ₹1,900; (medium), ₹1,700; Bath towels, ₹1,590 each; Towel bouquet, ₹3,900; **all from AA Living**. White tray, ₹2,800, **Address Home**.

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DECOR DIARY



SCENTED NOTES

An ode to minimalistic luxury with universal appeal; are treats by The White Window. Inspired by vintage circus posters, they're great for the festive season ahead.



Launch Pad

New launches, everything hot, whatever's not.... We tell you first!

FEATURE **MEENAKSHI SHANKAR**



LUXE OVERLOAD

The great Indian wedding is a joy to behold. What better way to celebrate this momentous event than with the luxurious trousseau collection by D'Decor. An offering you will definitely enjoy, happily ever after!

Welcome to Winter Wonderland.
Redefining luxury,
Kahla Porcelain by the newly-opened Kahla & Greggio, brings to life pieces from the Elixyr series designed by Barbara Schmidt.



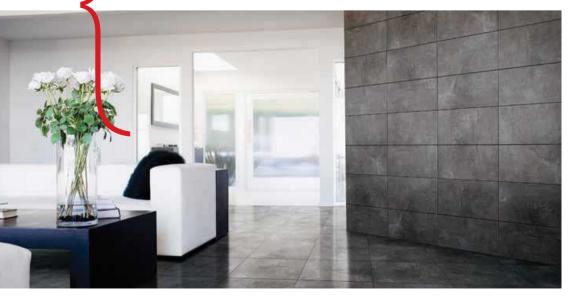


Art Wise 🛇

We are in love with these beautiful chairs from www. ferrytale.ca. This collection of hand-painted, restored antique chairs add oodles of drama.



Ingenious design is what we admire! Niro Ceramic Group's range of elegantly-crafted porcelain tiles, Orin, is what we need to bring that glam quotient indoors.





Celebrating Culture 솠

Celebrating the world of culture and handicraft in India, the IHGF Delhi Fair hosted by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), is one of the finest cultural fairs and the most awaited in October. A beautiful insight into the world where colours and artisans come together.

DECORDIARY Living Large Looking for statement furniture that will work both indoors and outdoors? Ficus Fine Living draws inspiration from nature to create a style that seamlessly blurs the boundaries. Contemporary yet timeless!

STYLISH CHICX For that dash of instant glam, celebrate

For that dash of instant glam, celebrate the latest collection from Roche Bobois. Effortlessly chic this collection is absolutely stunning and is something we want to bring home now.



It's style and more at ICASA. Welcome to the world of Dom Edizioni where Domenico Mula's passion for interior design reflects luxury and voluptuousness.



Delightful Accents

We love a zingy look in our homes. www.houseproud.in brings in just that with a festive flavour for the season.





Brands, the exquisite sofas

designed by Parker & Farr

are a pleasure!



Seema Kohli's *The Other Self* is a reflection of existence in an organised structure. On display: Tuesday, December 1st, 6pm onwards at Jehangir Art Gallery, Mumbai.





Simply Stunning Sleek and stunning, Vitra's latest in bathroom solutions is an ode to luxury. Talk about creating a cocoon in the bath!



Welcome to the world where technology meets liquid form. 'Aqua Trendz' bathroom faucets by Häfele are on our current list of must-haves.

MARKET UPDATE

Kitchens&Bathrooms

The latest on the not-so-small wonders that make our lives so much simpler FEATURE MEENAKSHI SHANKAR



Detach, reload

The EXA Multi-Purpose Kitchen Sink under Nirali's Expell kitchen sink range is yet another example of path-breaking innovation. The detachable lids makes this launch all the more exciting.



Moving into the future!

Say hello to the new kitchen by Hettich which is all about moving away from the messy clutter and introducing the world of compartamentalisation. We love the new organised kitchen. Don't you?

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DISTINGUISHED AND ALL ABOUT DESIGN THAT IS DIFFERENT & DISTINCTIVE



GETTING PERSONAL WITH...

Sabina & A.D. Singh, Prateek Jain & Gautam Seth, Nida Mahmood, Bobby Aggarwal, Shabnam Gupta, Candice Pereira, Manu Chandra, K. Radharaman, Shubra Chadda, Annkur Khosla, Nilma Dileepan, Latika Khosla, Amrita Nambiar and Shallay Bartholomew









Sabina & A.D. Singh "GETYOUR FUNDAMENTALS RIGHT"

Food and design never had a better marriage!

PHOTOGRAPH MANASI SAWANT

Mind

THE BEGINNING

Educational background

- **S** I schooled in Lady Vassanji Girls Academy and further pursued my Bachelors degree at St. Xaviers.
- ⚠ I studied at Cathedral school, Mumbai, and then did my Bachelor's in Engineering from the US. A scholarship at Lafayette, Pennsylvania beckoned, post which I returned to India to work with blue-chip companies like TCS and Cadbury's, before discarding my suit and tie to spend a year with various NGOs.

You wished you'd studied

S Architecture 🗘 Design

Matter

THE OUTPUT

Your first design

- **S** A dhoti gown at a fashion event.
- △ Just Desserts in 1990. A cool cafe serving only desserts and coffees with great jazz playing.

You wish you'd designed

- **S** The interiors of the Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad.
- The Indian Accent. It opened the doors for a whole new vision.

Your most challenging design

- **S** Olive Bistro, Hyderabad. The location was beautiful but the terrain difficult. It threw many challenges at us.
- We create so many firsts and

they are mostly challenging as there is no template to follow. Our first Japanese place needed a lot of learning as did our first Indian bar.

Projects in the pipeline

- S An Indian fast food restaurant chain
- Growing our current brands and extending their vision in different directions.

Your dream project

- **3** A beach house...
- We are very excited about opening overseas.

Mind over matter

EVERTHING ELSE THERE IS

Design ideals you stand by

- **S** Don't be afraid to play.
- ♠ Good design transforms an experience greatly.

Failure is...

- **9** Being unproductive.
- A part of all journeys.

Success is...

- S Being useful!
- A Keeping all those who depend on me happy.

Your style

- **9** Quirky, mismatched, colourmad, bold, cluttered.
- Oclassic, chic, subtle, glam, putting sanity over vanity.

You are most materialistic about...

- **9** Teapots. I love collecting them.
- A My daughter's needs.

Fame or fundamentals?

- **9** Fame is good, but fundamentals get you there.
- Get your fundamentals right, everything else will follow.

Black or white?

- Neither. Fuchsia
- A It doesn't matter

Space or storage?

- **S**torage
- A Space

When you start a project, what's on your mind?

- The mood board, layout, flooring, furniture and fabrics.
- A Build a good team, the right location, clarity of concept, budget and timely and delivery.

A colour palette you love

9 Hot pink, lime and orange!

At 80, you want to be...

- Healthy as a horse! Chilling with my family in a beach house surrounded by laughter and beautiful memories.
- Oclose to my life today as possible.

Would you like your children to follow in your footsteps?

- **9** She has to charter her own course.
- ⚠ Yes, but I'm not going to force it.

If you could exchange a day in your life with anyone...

- S Kate of William fame. I will get to check out the interiors of Buckingham Palace and have tea with the Queen!
- ⚠ I am content with my life as is...and wouldn't want to change that! 🖽





Gautam Seth & Prateek Jain INTRICATE DESIGNS

Creating modern statements with blown glass

PHOTOGRAPH ANKUSH MARIA



alue for money and to create something beautiful are principles they work by. Gautam Seth and Prateek Jain agree that on occasion they do create impractical objects...on a whim. These are installations that people love as pieces of art and not just as products. In the process of creating a life-sized mandap for Swarovski, their most challenging design was the Lotus for the same brand. They hope to start five companies in five different fields, in the future. While Gautam likes all colours in a balance, Prateek prefers darker tones, like black and grey.

Our minds create the installations, so it's our personality that is reflected in our works.

— Prateek Jain, Klove

AS A DESIGNER, EVOLUTION MEANS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO DETAILS AND INTRICACIES.

> — Prateek & Gautam, Klove

Nida Mahmood

ARIOT OF COLOURS

All about orchestrating and delivering a total experience

PHOTOGRAPH ANKUSH MARIA

serious atmosphere with dull grev, boring cubicles at Pantaloons drove her a bit insane. Nida Mahmood is drawn to colour - especially bright ones - like a moth to light. Her design philosophy is art translated, which is perhaps the reason she likes to mix and match textures, fabrics and prints. Designing an Art Nouveau-inspired line of wallpapers has been one of her most challenging projects as it took her a while to get a hang of how to make designs inspired by that era. If it was really possible, Nida would want to swap a day with Salvador Dalí...to know how he thought and how he worked, what excited his imagination, and what made him pick up his brush. 🖽

My idea has always been for my epitaph to read a long list of creative professional choices.

THE NEW
COUTURE LINE
BY VIKTOR
AND ROLF, IS
PHENOMENAL...
IT'S INSPIRED BY
PAINTINGS.



COMPILED BY AVRIL NOEL D'SOUZ

Something as beautiful and personal as art definitely reflects one's choices, as people and one's choices reflect life.

— Nida Mahmood, Fashion Designer & Founder, New India Bioscope Co.



Bobby Aggarwal RUSTIC FERVOUR

Adding zest to our homes with one-of-a-kind pieces

PHOTOGRAPH MADHU KAPPARATH



is work is an extension of himself and his experiences and visual observations. When starting a new project, Bobby Aggarwal first sees a blurry picture, the story revealing itself over days of day dreaming, doodling and sketching. Sometimes the collection starts with a name but mostly it evolves over time. His first design was a paperweight in leather and marbles, which he likes to believe, have been copied and replicated a million times. Bobby has been enjoying working with a new material, designing a new line of accessories and bags. He would have loved to exchange a day with Van Gogh, only to learn the brush strokes, and the use of yellow and blue.

The best I like by far is The Captains Cabin Bar that is part of The Yacht Club collection, which takes its design cues from the Art Deco buildings on Marine Drive in Mumbai.

IT TOOK ME A LONG TIME TO ACCEPT MYSELF AS A DESIGNER.

— Bobby Aggarwal, Designer & Founder, PortsideCafé



COMPILED BY AVRIL NOEL D'SOUZA

Shabnam Gupta

MAGICAL STORIES

Unique style adapted across categories and cultures



uilding a school for children with all natural materials, ageold methods and self-sustainable services is Shabnam Gupta's dream project. She holds The Big Nasty and Jimmy Hu bars, as the best in all her designs. While she takes success as just a by-product of what she does, failure to her is standing up and starting all over again. Each day is completely crazy and no day is like another. Understanding the client's brief is her top priority when starting on a project. Shabnam loves all colours in the spectrum and can't choose one over the others. At 80, she still wants to be a designer, with tons of projects under her belt.

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I love my life. I don't see why I would want to exchange my life with anyone. Living life is an art and art actually depicts life.

BE HONEST TO YOUR WORK AND YOUR WORK WILL EMBRACE YOU.

To understand a client's brief, to create without inhibitions, to push the team, to explore new designs, never repeat what's already been done, are the principles I follow.

— **Shabnam Gupta,** Architect & Founder, The Orange Lane COMPILED BY JANICE FERNANDES



FAIRY-TALE BEGINNINGS

Exquisite and handcrafted products for every bride-to-be

huge fan of the understated look, Candice Pereira believes that simple and elegant is the way to go. All about working on trust; getting to know the clients, understanding their style and personality are top priority in order to narrow things down. With degrees in Business and Hospitality Management, Candice spent her initial years at a whole lot of different restaurants. She credits everything she knows today to those early days. As a designer, without any formal education, she has evolved from just a wedding planner to a product designer and other supplementary creative openings. Describing her style as vintage and edgy, if she could, Candice would like to be a vintage trunk, for the many memories and stories that come with it.





Kate Moss's wedding looked like something straight out of a dream! I WOULD LOVE TO LIVE WITH GOLD AS A COLOUR, IT JUST HAS TO BE USED IN THE RIGHT WAY.

Most often, I have been lucky enough to have clients who love my aesthetics. So you could say that we are most often on the same page.

— Candice Pereira, Owner and Head Designer, Marry Me - The Store

COMPILED BY MEENAKSHI SHANKAR

Manu Chandra CULINARY FRUITION

Keeping the freshness alive



s a concenptualiser of design, he has always been design oriented. The perfect balance and the visual poetry that unravels is the key for Chef Manu Chandra. When he sees the result of his work reflecting in his bank statement he knows he has succeeded. Comfort and a sense of ease are two principles Manu stands by, as he does not create intimidating spaces. It always has been about the process being organic in its evolution. As a child he wished to be an astronaut simply because the feeling of watching the world go by is a heady feeling one. Ell

It is very challenging to create the mood that I wish to capture at that particular time while I am creating a dish.

CONCEPT AND EXECUTION COME IN ONLY ONCE THE LOCATION HAS BEEN WORKED OUT.

I want to create a Tuscanstyle restaurant in the heart of a metro city where the busy everyday comes to a pause in the restaurant surrounded by lush green.

— **Manu Chandra,** Chef & Restaurateur

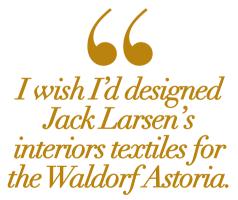


K. Radharaman THE HOUSE OF SILK

Taking the path to reinvent the traditional into the contemporary

PHOTOGRAPH **HEMANTH KUMAR**

rom a Bachelors degree in engineering to the creative head and founder of Angadi Silks, K. Radharaman has moved worlds. His sense of aesthetics and family roots in the industry helped him as a textile designer. His dream is to build a world-class textile museum in India, which showcases textiles from all over the world. He likes the irony of a grandfather clock, which is timeless and yet tells time. From weaving to embroidery and printing, he also enjoys designing furniture and hopes to keep evolving as a designer. If he could be the Prime Minister of India, he would correct some of the obvious flaws in the system that prevent us from achieving our true potential.



I STAND BY
THE PRINCIPLE

– BE INSPIRED
BUT NEVER
COPY.



There are five things that top my to-do list when I start a project:
Declutter (my mind, my table and my place of work); find inspiration;
visualise and sketch out ideas; decide the fabric of construction and
weaves; and resolve technical challenges if any in developing the
fabric and colouring along with sampling.

— K. Radharaman, CEO & Creative Head, The House of Angadi



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EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS

We asked a few of our favourite designers to deconstruct and recreate the ubiquitous Christmas Tree. From gold-painted branches to corkboard and post-its, Santa's season rang a different note to all

FEATURE **MEENAKSHI SHANKAR**



THE CONCEPT

Overflowing with

gifts for everyone, it's

a tree which has the

significance of plenty!

SHUBHRA

Christmas is a special time for us at Chumbak. It's that time when people just seem to open up to a lot more gifting ideas. The gifts, irrespective of being small or big are always a treat to receive or give. Warm and traditional colours make our Christmas tree inviting. Moving away from the traditional decor we simply love the personal 'owl' touch to the tree.





THE CONCEPT
The festive season is threaded with concepts in which warmth and quirk are married in perfect sync.

NILMA DILEEPAN

Creative Head, With Love Nilma

I've always created vignettes which reflect my personality — fun-loving and filled with inspiration from my various travels. So, I wanted to create a tree that reflected me. There is something so inviting about these delightfully quaint trees. I've loved to create trinkets rather than picking them off the shelf. Marrying various colours and textures, and balancing them against the light is fascinating. ▶









LATIKA
KHOSLA
Founder & Design Director,
Freedom Tree Design

The Tree of Life came alive when my son and I started cutting shapes of leaves, fruits, birds and butterflies from glossy magazine papers.

The Christmas tree is a giving tree, a home for small creatures, a source of fruit and flowers, and a shaded arbor. In the end, it also gives us the very Thanksgiving table and even the bowls we may eat from. The unassuming wood is elevated and Christmas takes on its true meaning.

From Thy Bounty...

If anything, it's the dinner table that gets to be at its dressiest best during this time of the year. We bring you two stunning schemes for 'the last supper'

PHOTOGRAPHS RAVI DHINGRA

CONCEPT & STYLE SHALLAY BARTHOLOMEW, CREATIVE DIRECTOR, ISPIRATO DESIGN STUDIO



FRENCH COUNTRY

Think vintage...marry white, green, silver, gold and small woody accents. To keep it light and contemporary, bring in French shabby chic with white-washed wood finishes and fresh fir twigs.

SPREAD THE CHEER

Carved fleur de lis motifs on mercury glass votives, glass ball ornaments, charming angels and delicate metallic accents will rise to the occasion beautifully.



A TWIST TO THE OLD

For the French country look, weave in green pine garlands and wreaths with hints of red berries. Add carved white candles for an attractive dated look with a modern twist.



COMPILED BY VANITA ARORA





"Recreate the frosty-warm allure of a French Country Christmas look. Intersperse tall candelabras with silver and gold ornaments, and warm things up with fresh greens, delicate stars and fairy lights."



TIS THE SEASON TO SHOWCASE THOSE CAREFULLY-PRESERVED FAMILY BAUBLES AND ORNAMENTAL HEIRLOOMS. LET THEM PLAY A BEAUTIFUL ROLE IN YOUR FESTIVE PECORATIONS. IT'S AGREATTALKING



CREATE AN AMBIENCE

A white reindeer figure in a forest setting with faux miniature pine trees creates a deep feeling of the woods.



ADD TO THE DECOR

Use glass bell jars for candles or glass ball ornaments — to add subtle highlights to your scheme.



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It's the perfect time to create impact with clusters — symbolic of plenitude. Group together similar small things like wreaths of holly, pillar candles, snowmen and style with colourful accents to create stunning centrepieces for your tables, dining and centre. Dot your creation with t-lights in pretty glass votives so the entire setting glows with the dancing candlelight.



COLOUR CODING

Place earthenware and distressed-looking rustic cutlery alongside red and green printed or tartan napkins.



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Time to get creative. Head outdoors to get inspired. Use pine cones as seasonal add-ons to each place setting. Personal touches make all the difference.



You want this look to spell warmth and love with idyllic touches of 'cottage' charm. Think traditional Christmas colours brought together with the warmer notes of natural wood and honey. Capture the authentic essence of the season with accents of red berries, pine cones, fir wreaths, mistletoe and poinsettia.







SHALLAY BARTHOLOMEW

Creative Director, Ispirato Design Studio

"There is nothing like a warm throw to snuggle with, sipping mulled wine or biting into an apple cinnamon cake in an ambience that is warm and reminiscent of a log hut."

CREATE A WARM SNOWFLAKES

BRIGHT ACCENTS

Create delightful highlights by pepping up the look with customised woollen pom-pom garlands or strings.



THE SPOKEN WORD

Add-on typographical decor accents with the words 'believe', 'Noel', 'peace' written along with graphic decor accents like the Santa figurine, Cardinal bird, a cross or even a star.





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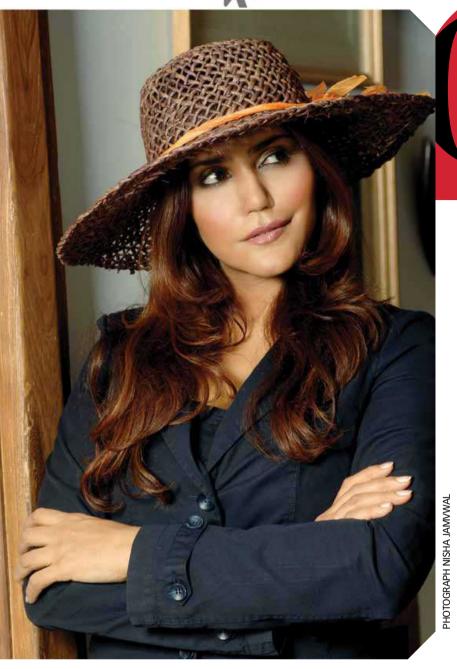
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EXPERT ADVICE



With **Nisha JamVwal**, interiors architect and our very own expert panellist

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DEAR NISHA

I AM CONVERTING A 10FT X 10FT BEDROOM INTO A DEN FOR PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENT AND A BAR, HOW CAN I INCLUDE ALL THESE ELEMENTS IN ONE ROOM?

- Kanav Puri, via e-mail



ongratulations! You have the space and the luxury of a multi-functional entertainment den where you can unwind over your favourite movie, music, TV channel and pour over your books.

The defining theme of this space may effectively be relaxation and unwinding. If you live in a frenetic city that never sleeps, make this space as conducive to getting away from it all as you can — a luxurious, comfortable den indeed. The walls are best if they are ivory or similar clean, soothing light neutral tones; with a mix of soft and bright lights as per choice. Keep the lighting smart and chic in metallic finishes, which has to be strategic to the function.

The first basic, after the equipment, is of course a comfortable, luxurious deep couch for the "potato" and the spouse with a matching single seater or two. My own preference is a classic leather chesterfield that these days come in rich leather tones of blues, dunes and teals. Of course, there's going to be need for friends over for the match or the movie. We can avoid crowding by having pull-out pin-tucked leather seaters that recess under the main couch. A throw-rug in faux-animal fur will complement the leather couch well. Little woven kilims or >



If you live in a frenetic city that never sleeps, make this space as conducive to getting away from it all as you can.





modern block-coloured pieces in complementary shades also do well in giving a finished look to the place.

A centre table is a necessity and, while it needs to be smart and of contemporary design, it must be sturdy — you want to put your feet up sometimes. So, you could go for a pin-tucked upholstered centre table — the ottoman coffee table — that multitasks as a seating option and a table to keep a tray with your drinks et al. So, it would help if you chose a large piece, where you can spread your music and paraphernalia around. In largish tables, a square appears smarter than an oblong one. The shape can also be a large artistic and stylish cut-out in abstract. If you like glass, make sure it is thick enough, other elegant choices are exotic polished stones, marbles, or statement drift wood organic sculptural tables. Burls with their



The table base can be an expression of your creativity too. Sometimes stark plainness can be a stunning design feature.







What can be ornate or remarkably noteworthy is the shelving or the cabinets for your various collections of single malts or cigars.

exotic natural definitions and grains in oilfinishes or long wearing touch-wood finishes too are great for the sideboard that hold your large television. Or then go for a projector screen that comes down at just the flick of a button. I know that my birthday present to myself is a treat, it even streams videos et al. A stark matte black finish in wood is a good choice too on the furniture in the room. Since it is a home theatre the equipment is the statement, so this is not the space for too many objets d'art; maybe a single favourite painting. What can be ornate or remarkably noteworthy is the shelving or the cabinets for your various collections of single malts or cigars.

The table base can be an expression of your creativity too. Sometimes stark plainness can be a stunning design feature. Simple squat legs or a sculptural and innovative base could give it that one focal point that makes a statement in your room!

For this entertainment room, you may carry off a crimson wall with aplomb as well as black, bronze, coffee or other masculine shades that go with the gizmos and equipment.







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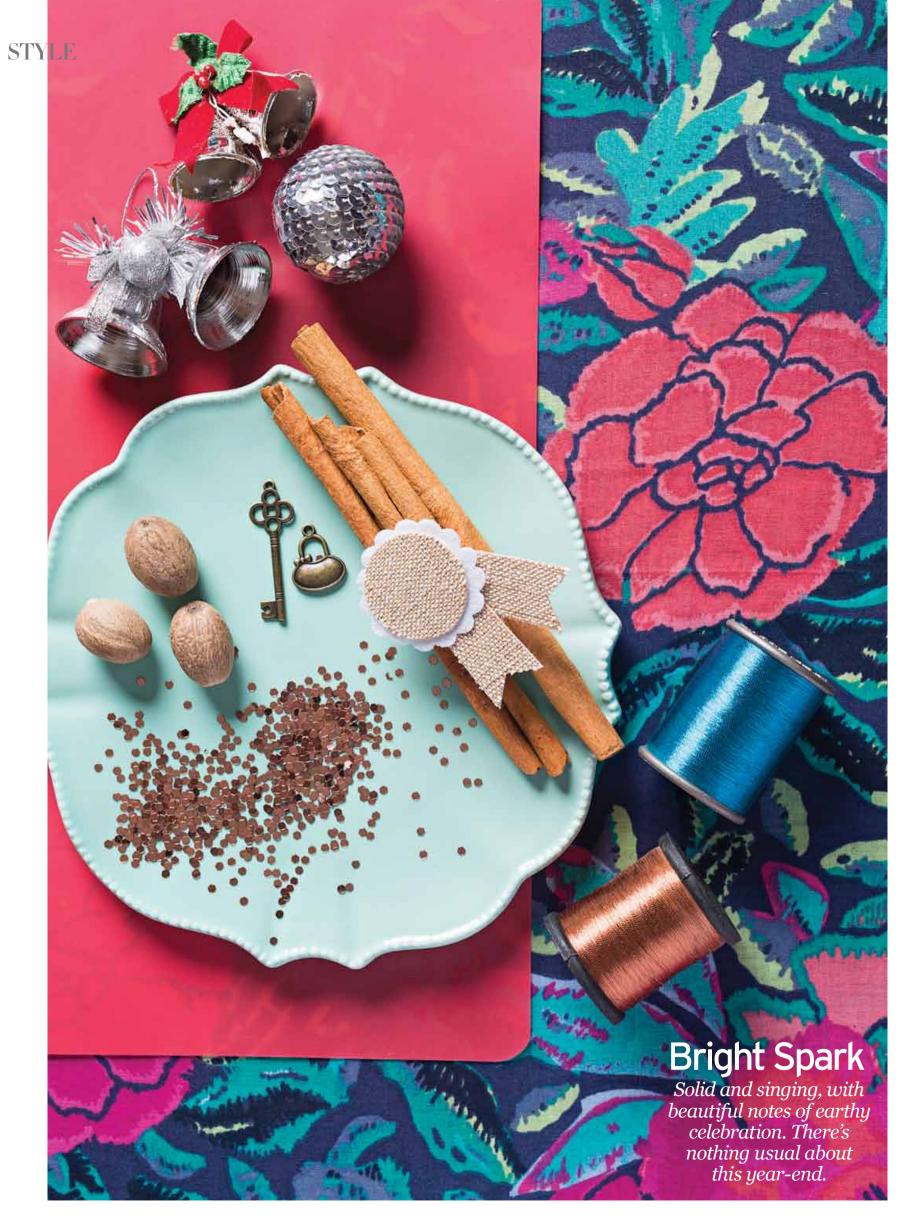


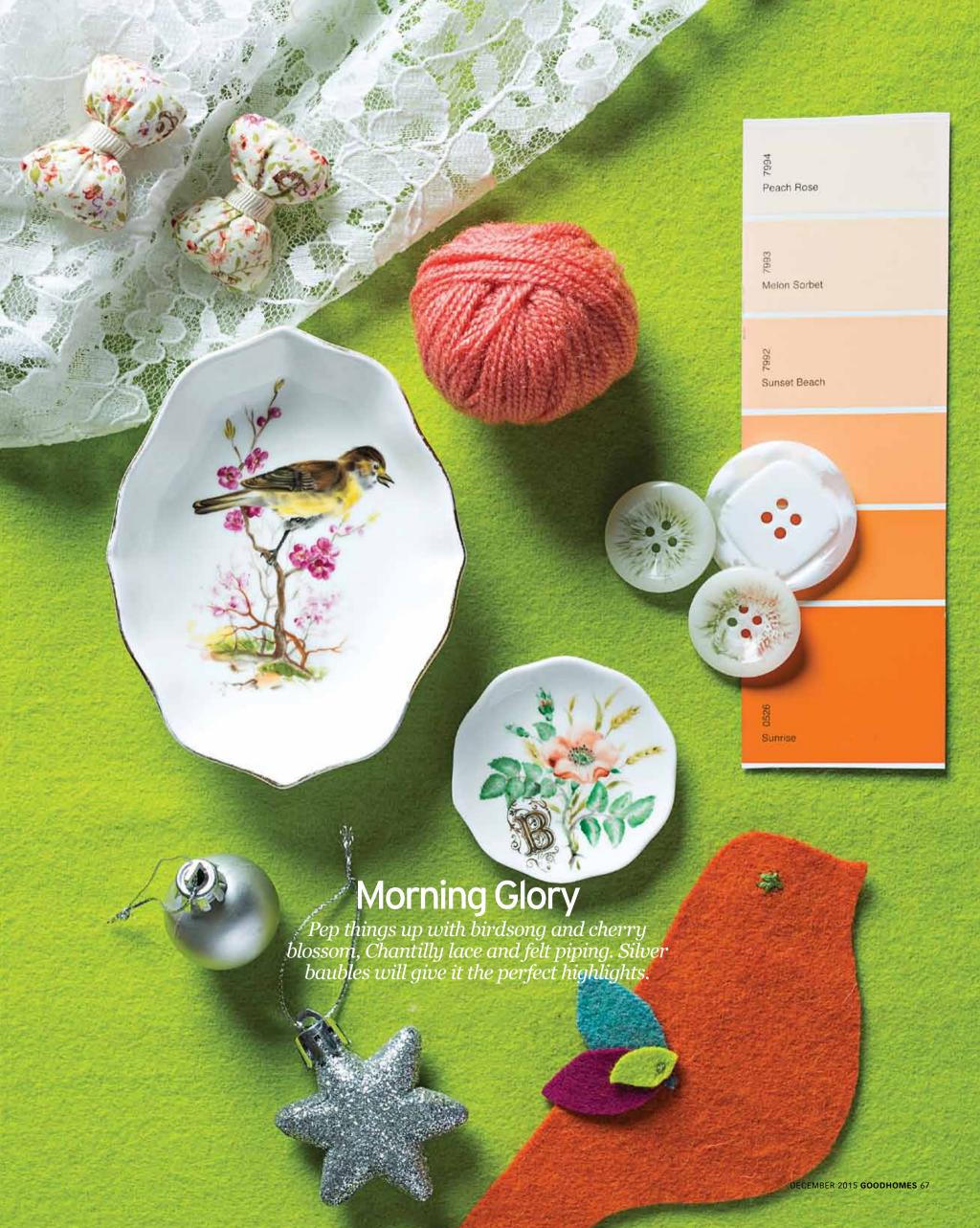




(FACING PAGE) Vicky bench in fabric by DOM Edizioni; Password chest of drawers and Island coffee table by Calligaris; Lacreu floor lamp by Lacreu; all prices on request; all from ICasa. Bloom t-light, ₹950; Myro bell jar, ₹3,245; Dalia candle, ₹2,950; Glass vase, ₹5,400; Lilly la creme votive, ₹900; all from INV Home. Silver jar, price on request; Silver cushion cover, ₹1,150; both from Mozaic. Grey cushion cover by Nur, ₹1,250; Tea pot, ₹3,145; both from Tranceforme. Reindeer head, ₹5,990, Address Home. Pronto coffee cup, ₹950 each, Kahla & Greggio. Red carpet, price on request, Shyam Ahuja. Cherry blossom arrangement, June 8. (THIS PAGE) White dining table; Password chest of drawers by Calligaris; both prices on request, both from ICasa. Rysto tier candle holder, ₹4,830 each; Victorian five-arm candelabra, ₹30,130; White round candles, ₹950; Red round candles, ₹1,200; Silver table runner, ₹9,445; Cutlery set, price on request; Red runner, ₹4,295, all from INV Home. Grey napkins, price on request, Freedom Tree. Pronto dinner plates, ₹1,460 each; Pronto quarter plates, ₹1,050 each; both from Kahla & Greggio. Wine glasses, price on request, Mozaic. Shopping Guide on Pg 98











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...Is what we get when two of our favourite styles marry vintage and country STYLE & PHOTOGRAPHS BINISHA AJMERA



It's relatively easy to find accessories in the vintage-country theme look for butterfly motifs, floral charms, cursive scripting on fabric and wallpapers and even lacy, trellised trivets and frames.









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GO MHE FLOW

Art sculptor Rodger Stevens and his wife, illustrator Johanna Goodman's home in the U.S. is an inspiring ode to organic design. Here, colours meet textures to create drama, unlike anything we've seen before

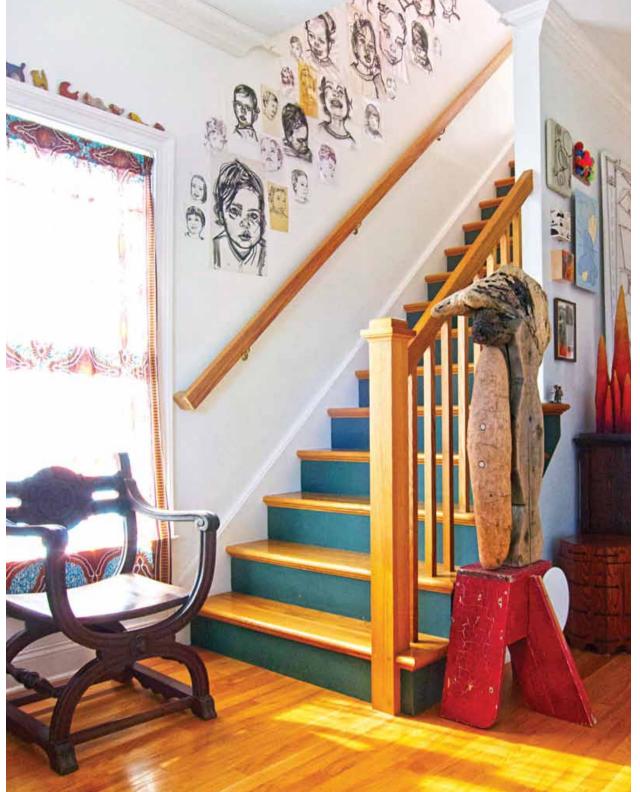
FEATURE MEENAKSHI SHANKAR PHOTOGRAPHS RODGER STEVENS



I love the many views from this house — my kids playing in the street; my wife talking to a neighbour; the everencroaching garden; and the outdoors when there are no leaves on the trees."

— Rodger Stevens, Artist





Rodger reveals that his favourite memory, "...in creating the space was saying yes to just about every decorrelated request my kids made for their rooms. For example "Can I draw on my dresser?", "Yes."

Despite years of living in tight spaces, my wife and I had amassed a prodigious store of stuff — artworks, both ours and others'; books; furnishings, etc.... Now that we had some space...space we owned...it could all be unpacked and given a chance to breathe."

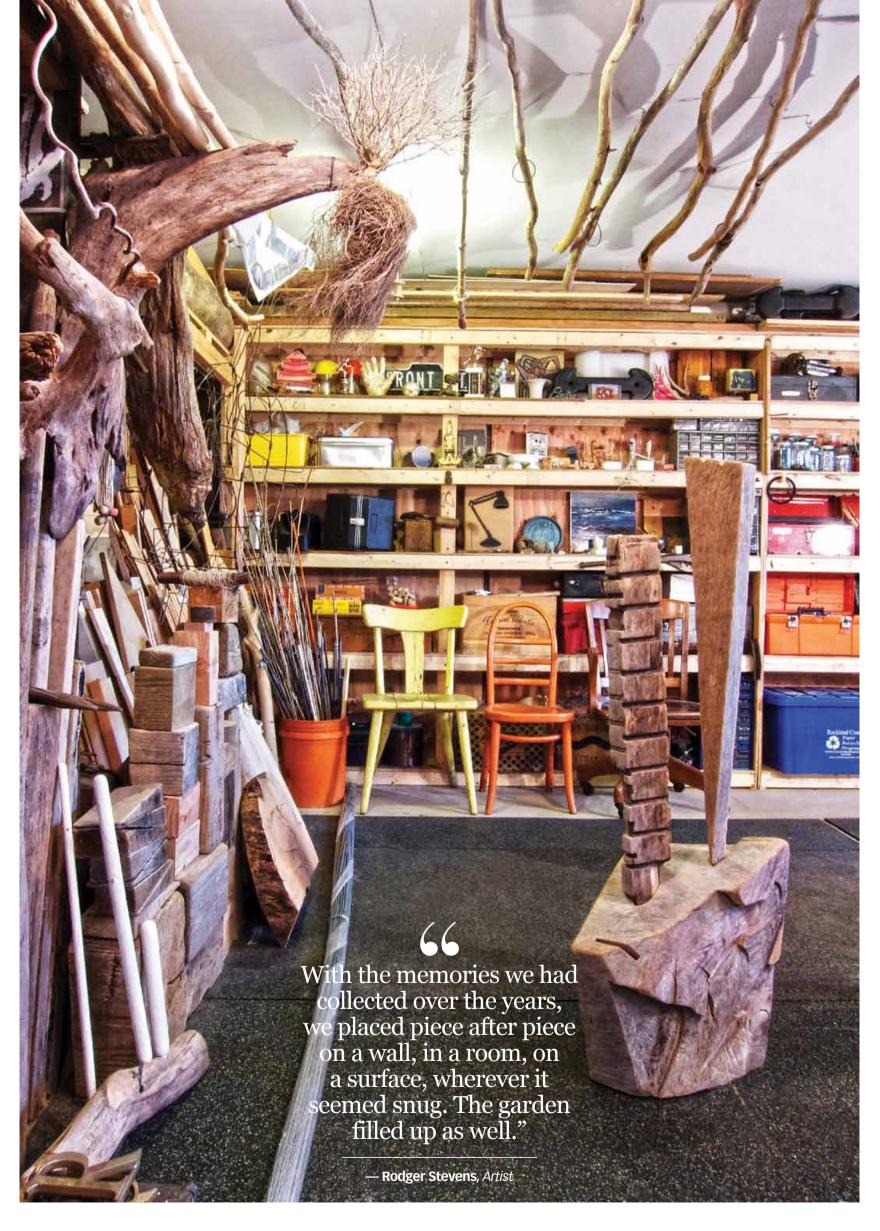
— Rodger Stevens, Artist

RODGER STEVENS

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Rodger studied at the Parsons School of Design (NYC) and the School of Visual Arts (NYC). His sculptures, installations and drawings have been exhibited in galleries and museums in New York, California, Paris and all over the world. since 1993. His commissioned works include: The Whitney Museum of Art, The American Folk Art Museum, PS1, The Katonah Museum, The Bristol Museum, Tiffany & Co., Barney's, PS 122, etc.







olour. Texture. Drama. It's a home that completely embraces you from the minute you enter. Welcoming us into their gloriously cluttered living room, illustrator Johanna Goodman and sculptor Rodger Stevens's home is a pièce de résistance in itself. Rodger says, "This was the first house our family would ever live in and the

first for me in 20 years — it had been apartment after apartment ever since college. So simply having a house was thrill enough. Our design philosophy became essentially this: Let's just enjoy the things we have."

So alongside art posters and a guitar, neither of them know how to play, the pair has adorned nearly all available wall space of their craftsman home with decorations ranging from stickers to wire sculptures to strings of colourful wooden blocks. Even their children's toys are incorporated into the mix, because after all, their house is art in motion.

Walking us through the space, the artist says, "When we first saw our house, it wasn't quite finished – it was just a box on a hill with virtually nothing around it. Inside, it was wide open, like one big room filled with windows. It was a blank canvas, poised and ready to host any artwork, any furniture, and any vision we were willing to throw at it. And so it began, one piece at a time, usually after the kids went to bed."

Rodger and Johanna, gave their kids free reign over their own rooms. Their drawings, posters, pictures went up on the walls, along with contributions from mom and dad.

After nearly seven years, the space continues to evolve — works are replaced and rearranged; wall colours change; plants outgrow their stands and need to relocate; more furniture comes in and more things are found on the curb. It's a dynamic home,

a fluid system, always changing and growing, a reflection, we suppose, of the family living there.

The house is where Rodger and his beautiful family come to life. They've conceptualised the space, with no preconception of how it should be. The design just flowed in without any form.



As the family needed space, they moved away from the Hudson River — something new to Rodger, as he had always lived within walking distance of the river. The decision to move out of the city was not an easy one to make, but there was something reassuring about knowing that the river would still be just down the street.



THE NEW OLD

Neither traditional nor contemporary, this fully refurbished Grade II-listed Victorian residence, in Guildford, England, is a fusion of two worlds

FEATURE AVRIL NOEL D'SOUZA PHOTOGRAPHS DARREN CHUNG

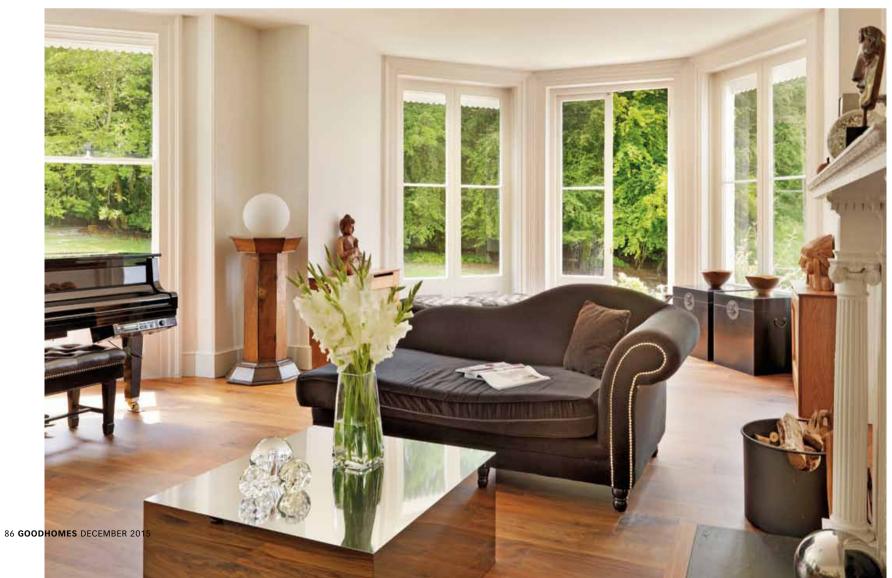


(ABOVE) The Victorian home as it stands today: This Grade II-listed property was restored by Gregory Phillips Architects. Today, it celebrates elements dating back to the Victorian era while the new extensions contrast and complement the original Victorian structure.





(TOP & BELOW) The living spaces reflect distinctive styles. While the living area in the newly-created section sports a contemporary aesthetic, the living room in the original Victorian section, celebrates the romantic style of that era.









(ABOVE) The theme of this home is largely monochromatic with accents of bold colour and period shades. The dining room is furnished with a mixture of traditional and modern pieces, including a gorgeous 1840s table, which dates back to the same period as the house. (FACING PAGE) The interiors of the Victorian wing have been opened up and the rooms have been enlarged so they are in proportion with the high ceilings.







The project took 15 months to complete and resulted in a fully-refurbished Grade II-listed Victorian residence with a contemporary extension. The clients use both the old and the new portions of the house equally.



GREGORY PHILLIPS

Founder, Gregory Phillips Architects

A London boy by birth,
Gregory Phillips trained
at Bristol University and
the Mackintosh School of
Architecture in Glasgow.
In 1991, he founded his
eponymous interiors and
architecture firm, Gregory
Phillips Architects, with the
aim to provide bespoke
design solutions. He has a
unique perspective when
designing houses. Like the
Renaissance man, he's known
to provide tailored solutions
for each project from the
architecture to the furniture.





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tepping onto the impressively-expansive landscape — 21 acres to be exact — of this Victorian home, in modern-day England, is a surreal experience. This Grade II-listed Victorian home makes one feel like they've stepped into the shoes of a character in a Jane Austen novel, but one that's set in the future...in this case, the present.

While the main façade of the home is an all-white, beautifully-maintained illustration of Victorian architecture, the steel and glass extensions made to the other end, contrast, complement and beautify the overall structure.

Gregory Phillips, founder of Gregory Phillips Architects, is known for designing homes that share a relationship between the interiors and the exteriors. "Our client invents computer games and we had a shared interest in making aspects of this project fun," says the award-winning architect. While the client wanted a bright, open-plan living situation, the house lacked sufficient area required for 21st century living. Another hurdle: Clumsy alterations made to the Victorian structure distorted the original architectural beauty.

Gregory wanted to do away with the unwanted and maintain focus. He retained the pertinent qualities of the existing Grade II-listed structure while marrying modern extensions into the layout. The result: The transformation of a home from a one-level to a two-level structure. A glass-panelled basement level is built to embrace the shape of the sloping lawn (it now houses the indoor pool). While the structure of the existing dining room was extended, thus providing Gregory the opportunity to incorporate French doors and shutters. The dining room now opens out to a balcony that's situated over the new terrace garden.

Talking about the significance of this home, Gregory says, "Projects at this level of historical important and magnitude are rarely carried out with grace and respect for the original structure. We wanted to ensure that this was not the case. We wanted to make sure the impact on the profile of this home was minimal."



(ABOVE) The integrated new additions are all rendered in white and complement its scenic surroundings. The new space provides large, open-plan areas that relate to the main house, and take advantage of the view across the 21acres of country landscape. The choice of white for both sides of the building gives a visual connection between the old and new elements.



DECOR MANTRA

The decor mantra at Trident, Bandra Kurla, Mumbai, mirrors an interior style that celebrates contemporary decor with much panache. The subtle design married with interesting accents makes room for great conversations.









1 We love the refreshing and upbeat ambience of the O22 restaurant with ample natural light streaming in. 2 The rich colours married with beautiful textures come alive in Botticino — the Italian speciality restaurant. 3 The relaxed welcoming atmosphere is ideal for power breakfasts and brunches, lunches, afternoon teas, cocktails and even dinners.

haven in the midst of the financial capital of India, Trident, Bandra Kurla, Mumbai, offers a getaway which holds the promise of enveloping you in serenity and cocooning

you from the everyday. A must experience are the two restaurants — O22 and Botticino. The all-day dining restaurant O22 presents the best of Far Eastern and Mediterranean cuisine with a dramatic flourish. We loved the drama that welcomed us in to Botticino. The ambience of the restaurant is one of contemporary and refined simplicity with an extensive use of beige botticino Italian marble, gentle cove lighting and furnishings in pastel shades of lavender and cream — offering the perfect setting for fine dining. What we love: The display of fine grappa in beautifully-designed, Venetian, hand-blown glass bottles.

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PERIPHERAL PERCEPTION

The fourth edition of *GoodHomes for Art* was inaugurated with an exhibition of moving art by artist Jaideep Mehrotra at Gallery Art & Soul, Mumbai





















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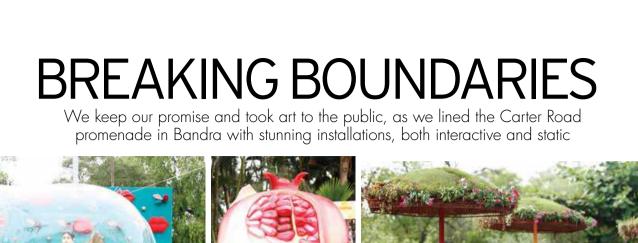








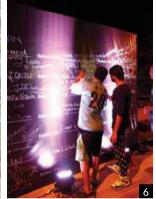
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FOLK IN VOGUE

Colour with Asian Paints in association with Baaya Design curated a unique evening that brought together folk artists, art enthusiasts and bloggers































In an attempt to bring to the fore, the skill and creations of talented Indian artists and craftsmen from remote villages, Colour with Asian Paints in association with Baaya Design organised a unique interactive workshop. The participants delved into history and understood the nuances of folk art. The result: They created some of their own masterpieces. Bringing you glimpses....

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WALL TALES

Yet another unique evening in association with Colour with Asian Paints, Wall Tales took us into the imaginative world of children

















For a brief period, we were transported into a world of angels and demons, mermaids and superheroes as our special guests for the evening engaged in an extremely imaginative storytelling session. The young participants drew their inspiration from the 'Asian Paints' Kids World collection of wall stencils. It was an evening to remember, as the children delved into a fantastical world. What's more, the child with the best story won an Asian Paints wall makeover.





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